THE CORONER'S INVESTIGATION OF THE RAILROAD WRECK BEGUN.

SUPERINTENDENT DEICE ADMITS THAT ENGI-NEERS DO NOT ALWAYS OBEY RULES -EIGHT MORE OF THE VICTIMS

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 3.—The inquest by Coroon between the Reading Railroad express and the Bridgeton excursion train on the West Jersey gailroad on the meadows last Thursday evening began to-day. The greater part of the testimony in explanation of the workings of the block-signal system. In anticipation of a big crowd the inquest was not held in the stuffy little City Hall, out in Odd Fellows' Hall. At no time, however,

was the hall overcrowded.

Coroner McLaughlin is being assisted in conducting the inquest by Mr. Perry, Prosecutor of Pleas, who has undertaken the task of questioning the witnesses. Both railroad companies are represented by counsel at the hearing, and United States Senstor Sewell, vice-president of the West Jersey Railroad, and George W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, came from Cape May in a special train to listen to the evidence. Both companies also have stenographers taking the testimony with a view to

its use in probable damage suits. Superintendent Dayton, of the West Jersey road, who was absent from Atlantic City at the time of the accident, presented in an able way for the benefit of the jury the perfections of the block-signal system as a safeguard against collisions, but was forced to admit that its perfect working de-

pends on infallible human beings. Superintendent Deice, of the Reading, appeared anything but a happy witness. He avoided answering embarrassing questions as long as he could, and n finally admitted that express trains are run at nearly full speed in approaching a grade crossing, if they once receive the signal to go shead. As the rules of the company explicitly state that trains approaching a crossing shall be under such control

approaching a crossing shall be under such control that they can stop within 150 feet of a crossing, it would seem that the rule is not strictly observed in the fierce competition for business.

Nicholas Long, day operator at the tower at the crossing, winessed the accident as he was on his way home from work, and he said that the clear signal was given to the excursion train and the danger signal set for the express, but gave it as his opinion that this was unusual, as express trains on the Reading usually have the right of way over sill trains on the West Jersey, owing to a priority of track occupation.

It is probable that the inquest may last until Wednesday, and it may even continue over to Thursday.

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doing well, and there are now hopes that all may joing well, and there are now hopes that all may altimately recover.

Bridgeton, N. J., Aug. 3.—Eight more victims of

the Atlantic City railroad accident were buried here to-day. This morning the body of ex-Coun cilman J. D. Johnson was buried in the Broad Street Cemetery. This was the largest funeral of the day, freiner was buried at Woodruff's, and Benjamin Wood in the G. A. R. plot in Broad Street Cemelery. William Prickett, Miss Tillie Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Loper and Harvey Hughes were buried this afternoon. All the business places closed at noon, and all public buildings and business business were draped in mourning. There will be houses were draped in mourning. several more funerals to-morrow.

WHO IS THIS JOHN SMITH!

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ONCE A PRINCETON END RUSH-NOW FIGURES IN A STABBING CASE.

There is considerable mystery connected with a stabbing affair over a game of cards at No. 134 West Twenty-second-st., in which three friends figured on Sunday afternoon. Walter O. Poor is a lodger at No. 134 West Twenty-second-st. In the same house lives a man about twenty-seven years old who has been known there as "John Smith. been in the house together. To-day Smith lies in Vincent's Hospital, West Eleventh-st., with knife wound in his left side, while Poor is in the Jefferson Market jail awaiting examination on the charge of assault on his friend.

Thomas Burke, of No. 60 West Twenty-fifth-st., reported to be a lawyer, and a friend of Smith, day, and a game of three-handed poker was begun between Smith and Poor. Smith became abusive, and, according to Poor's story, sprang over the in his excitement, seized Poor by the throat and began choking him. Realizing that he was no match for his antagonist, who is a powerful man Poor drew a small jackknife and jammed it into Smith's left side, closs to the last rib. Frightened at what he had done. Poor rushed to the street, where he met Policeman Callahan, of the West Thirtieth-st, statin, who called an ambulance from St. Vincent's Hospital. Smith, though weak from the loss of blood, was able to walk to the wagon. The mystery of the case centres around Smith's identity. It is believed that Smith is not his true name. His landlady, Mrs. Foley, professes to know nothing of his antecedents, and his friends will not reveal them. It is said that he was at one time a well-known end rush on the Princeton football team, and did much toward the victorious work of the team in 182. He is entered on the blotter of the Tenderioin police station as John Smith, and as such on the records of St. Vincent's Hospital. Mrs. Foley resterday declared that Smith's family was wealthy and so was Poor's. She asserts that Smith is a gasfitter, while in other quarters he is said to be a law student. It is thought that Smith is trying to conceal his identity owing to the circumstance in which he figures.

The surgeon at St. Vincent's Hospital said yesterday that Smith's wound was a slight one and that he would be well soon.

Poor was up to this spring a clerk in Tarrant's drug store in Warren-st. Lately he has been out of work. Smith's left side, close to the last rib. Frightened

LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

Baron & Newman, manufacturing knit goods, underwear, cardigan jackets and sweaters at No. 1 Greene-st., and having a factory at No. 47 to 61 Clymer-st., Brooklyn, are unable to meet obligations falling due this month. Yesterday Jacob F. Cullman was appointed receiver for the firm by Judge Stover of the Supreme Court, in a suit by Samuel Baron against his partner, Jacob Newman. The bond was fixed at \$100,000. The firm was formed on January 1 last year to continue until December 31, 1899, but on July 31 both partners agreed to dissolve the firm on that day, They cannot, however, agree as to the manner of liquidation, and have therefore decided to have a receiver appointed. Mr Baron has been in this line of business for thirty years. His affairs became embarrassed two years ago, and a settlement was made at 331-3 cents on the dollar. When the firm of Baron & Newman was formed, Mr. Newman put in \$50,000 cash capital, and Mr. Baron contributed the plant, on a basis of \$34,000. The liabilities of the firm are now stated to be about \$100,000, and assets \$125,000, in machinery, plant, merchandise manufactured and in process, outstanding accounts and cash. The firm leases the factory at \$2,000 a year rental, and has a contract to supply the United States Government with 20,000 to supply the United States Government with 20,000 sweaters and 20,000 caps for \$55,900. There are yet to be delivered 1,500 sweaters and 2,000 caps, amounting to \$5,000. The Government owes the firm \$10,000 for goods so far delivered, and it is necessary for the firm to continue the work to get this money. The concern has other orders for \$55,000 worth of 200ds, and it has nearly enough raw material to complete the contract and fill the orders. The receiver is authorized to finish the work. The firm used the style of the Metropolitan Knitting Company.

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The attachment against the Liberty Cycle Com-pany, of No. 4 Warren-st., which was obtained on Saturday for \$23,157 in favor of Fred J. Stimson, as truftee for the estate of Matthew R. Myers, was put in the Sheriff's office vesterday, and a Deputy-Sheriff went to the store to make a levy, but was confronted with the order appointing Mr. Hardinas receiver. This order enjoins all persons from press-ing suits against the company.

MISS FANNING DISCHARGED.

Miss Kate Fanning, seventeen years old, who attempted suicide by drinking carbolic acid last Tuesday night at One-hundred-and-sixty-seventh-st and Third-ave., while with her lover, Policeman O'Brien, of the Morrisania station, was taken Wednesday from Fordham Hospital to the Morrisania Court, charged with attempted suicide. Magistrate Crane discharged her. She was accompa-

istrate Crane discharged her. She was accompa-nied by her uncle, Henry Wilson, of No. 1,016 Wash-ington-ave, whom she was visiting.

Mr. Wilson explained that the young woman had come from her home in Stamford, Conn., to spend the summer, that she had made the acquaintance of Policeman O'Brien without his knowledge, and that she had met O'Brien chandestinely. Policeman O'Brien is on his vacation.

FELL DEAD FROM HIS CAB.

John Moore, forty-five years old, a cab driver, by David Ritchie, of No. 146 West Eighty-second-st. Moore was driving to the Astor House with a passenger, who engaged him at Cortlandt-st. Ferry, when he fell from his seat. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death. He lived at No. 7 East Broadway. yesterday afternoon. He was dead when picked up

SUPERINTENDENT SMITH'S TRIAL.

AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER TELLS OF WEAKNESS IN THE FIRE-ALARM SYSTEM.

The trial of J. Elliott Smith, superintendent of tele graph and electrical appliances of the Fire Depart-ment of the city of New-York, who is charged with fraud and incompetence in connection with the discharge of his official duties, was resumed yesterday at the Fire Department Headquarters in East Sixty-seventh-st. President La Grange occupied the chair. Several specimens of fire-alarm boxes and system were brought into the trial room and put or three of them seemed somewhat rusty and dilap-

The first witness examined was John J. Carty, of No. 35 Mount Morris-ave. His testimony was a continuation of that which he gave at the last session of the board. He said that, as an electrical engineer of many years' experience, he felt that he was competent to give expert testimony in the matter under consideration. At the request of the president and other apparatus which were upon the table in the trial room. He pointed out several imperfections in them and explained how they were likely at times to fail to work properly. In one instance especially the insulation was in such condition that the current of electricity was not well controlled. A screw had dropped out, and there were other reasons for the apparatus failing to respond at times when it was necessary to send out an alarm. The witness said that some imperfections might be owing to methods of original construction and others to lack of careful and frequent inspection.

The witness said that he had examined fire-alarm boxes in actual use in Third-ave., Lexington-ave. and Broadway. The examination of these boxes

and Broadway The examination of these boxes was made at the request of the president of the Board. Box No. 55, in Broadway, near the City Hall, was in bad condition. Parts of the mechanism were badly rusted, and in the box was an old piece of cloth that had been left there by some careless employe. In another box the clockwork of the fire alarm, as well as that of the ambulance call which was attached, was out of order. Of the additional boxes investigated, some were in bad and some in good condition.

From January 1, 186, to December 1 of the same year, openings in circuits took place, aggregating in time that the fire-alarm system was out of use sixteen full days of twenty-four hours each and four hours additional. Mr. Carty was asked if he thought such a condition of affairs indicated that there was something radically wrong in the management of the fire-alarm system. He replied in the affirmative. Witness had found many defective terminals and bridle wires. In most instances an insufficient amount of material was used. There was an inherent fault in the system. "With the fire-alarm system now in use," the witness added, "it is my opinion that, with proper management, 30 per cent of the trouble that has been experienced could have been prevented."

The trial will be continued this morning.

AGAINST HIS MOTHER AS EXECUTRIX

LIABLE FOR THAT PART OF HER SON'S

A report was filed with the Surrogate vesterday by Rastus S. Ransom, referee, in a suit brought by S. Howell Shepard against his mother, Pamele W. Shepard, to compel her to file a report as administratrix and executrix of the will of her husband. John F. Shepard, and to pay to the petitioner a legacy of \$50,000 which was left to him in his father's will. The report of the referee shows that Mrs. Shepard fell into the bands of Alian G. Lamson, said to be a friend of hers, who used the estate to speculate in stocks, and lost the moneys Mrs. Shepard sought to set up through Lamson that the money which her son asks her to pay was invested in the stock speculations with

John F. Shepard died on December 13, 1889, and on January 6 following the widow took out letters of administration. The son, S. Howell, was at ton, and became of age on January 15, 1890, nine

away seriously impaired the value of any testimony that he might have given.

It is agreed between the parties to the suit that \$15,97 33 of this legacy has been paid the petitioner on account, so that there is about \$34,00 still due from the estate to the legatee, which the referee holds she is responsible for.

The referee finds that Lamson was a "promoter of various enterprises, a speculator in stocks and general business schemer." The decision makes the mother liable for the amount of the legacy still unpaid. The Court has not yet passed upon the report.

THE GRAND JURY IN SESSION.

A LIGHT CALENDAR-JUDGE COWING APPEALS FOR SPEEDY DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS.

The August Grand Jur by Judge Cowing, in Part II of the Court of Gen-eral Sessions. A large percentage of the talesmen whose names were called failed to answer. Among them was the name of J. Pierpont Morgan. those present more than half wanted to be ex-cused, and this afforded Judge Cowing a text for a lecture. Service as a Grand Juror is a "light and honorable employment," he said, "and gentlemen summoned to serve should not attempt to evade their duty."

ber of prisoners whose cases they would be called upon to consider was only thirty-five, and he asked

The members of the Grand Jury are J. Edward Poillon (foreman), varnish manufacturer, No. 273 West One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth-st.: Bernard L. Ackerman, extracts, No. 712 Washington-st.; Max Mindheim, hats, No 6: Prince-st.; Charles H. Brantingham, warehouse, No. 134 Pearl-st; Will-Hrantingham, warehouse, No. 134 Pearl-st.; William H. Whitingham, broker. No. 8. Broad-st.; fienry Hess, banker, No. 120 Broadway; Stephen M. Knevals, syrups, No. 130 Broadway; Stephen M. Knevals, syrups, No. 130 Broadway; Stephen M. Knevals, syrups, No. 130 Broadway; Stephen M. Heston, banker, No. 13 Wall-st. Frederick A. Gans, secretary No. 25 East, Forty-fourth-st.; James M. Repua, no business No. 25 East Forty-fourth-st.; James M. Repua, no business, Inventor, No. 413 Broadway; James W. O'Brien, publisher, No. 250 Broadway; John L. Redmond, grocer. No. 250 Spring-st.; John W. Campbell, architect, No. 250 Spring-st.; John W. Campbell, architect, No. 250 West Eleventh-st.; Bernard Karsch, leweller, No. 170 Broadway; Scott Forster, president, No. 350 Canal-st.; William C. Smith, builder, No. 7 Perry st.; Jonas M. Libbey, real estate, No. 31 Nassau-st.; Robert B. Macpherson, merchant, No. 104 Worth-st.; Malcolm Campbell, broker, No. 25 Pine-st.; Evert Jansen Wendel, merchant, No. 51 Worth-st. and Russell D. Hyde, merchant, No. 58 Leonard-st.

ASKS DAMAGES FOR ENCROACHMENT.

An action has been brought in the Supreme Court by Edward Nicholson to compel Eugene C. Potter to restore two and three-quarter inches of land to papers, ran into the street. She had forgotten that West One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st., and also to compel the defendant to pay \$1.500 damages for the use of the land. Mr. Potter has erected a large apartment-house on the lot at No. 222 West Oneapartment-house on the lot at No. 222 West One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st. It is alleged that this house encroaches two and three-quarter inches on the land of Mr. Nicholson.

The original owner of lot No. 224 was Frederick Kurzman, and it was while he owned it that the house was put up on No. 222. Kurzman never knew that his property was encroached upon, and neither did Mr. Nicholson. It was only after Mr. Nicholson had his lot surveyed for the purpose of building only that he found out Mr. Potter had taken two and three-quarter inches off his land.

A DROWNED MAN IDENTIFIED. Mrs. Adele Campbell, of No. 1,328 South Twentysixth-st., Philadelphia, called at the Morgue yesterday and asked to see the photograph of the who was found floating in the East River near Pier 45 on July 25. On seeing the photograph and being informed that the initials "T. C." were tattooed upon the man's left forearm, Mrs. Campbell said that he was her husband, Thomas F. Campbell, a jeweller, thirty-six years old at the time of his death. She added that he deserted her and their death. She added that he deserted her and their two children in Philadelphia about six years ago, and that she had not seen him since. Before he left her he had been in good circumstances. He then had a jewelry establishment on Sixth-st. in Philadelphia, but became dissipated and finally lost nearly all his money and property. Campbell's body was burled in Potter's Field on July 3. Mrs. Cambell said she did not care to remove it, but simply wished to secure a death certificate from the Coroner's office, in order that she might place her two children in Girerd College, Philadelphia.

NEW POLICE LAUNCHES COMMISSIONED.

Three of the new naphtha launches which are to take the place of the old rowboats in which the Harbor police have been accustomed to patrol were put in commission yesterday. A fourth is in reserve. The launches were built by the Gas Engine and Power Company, whose works are at Morris. Dock They cost \$1,700 each. They are thirty feet long and six and a half feet beam. Each will be manned by a roundsman and two patrolmen. At the bow of each launch is a blue flag with the word "Patrol." An American flag flies at the stern. Two of the launches have been sent to do duty on the East River and the third on the North River, More will be purchased when the Harlem sub-station of the Harbor Police is established.

Robinson was arrested on January 1 last, and has been in the Tombs ever since. He at first admitted the larceny, but subsequently changed his plea to not guilty. When the matter was pending yesterday Mr. Brooke charged Captain O'Brien with having written a letter to Judge Cowing, advising him how to dispose of the motion for a charge of plea. Captain O'Brien with having written a letter to Judge Cowing, advising him how to dispose of the motion for a charge of plea. Captain O'Brien with having written a letter to Judge Cowing, advising him how to dispose of the motion for a charge of plea. Captain O'Brien with having written a letter to Judge Cowing, advising him how to dispose of the motion for a charge of plea. Captain O'Brien weith having written a letter to Judge Cowing, advising him how to dispose of the motion for a charge of plea to not guilty. When the matter was pending yesterday Mr. Brooke charged Captain O'Brien weith having written a letter to Judge Cowing, advising him how to dispose of the motion for a charge of plea to not guilty. When the matter was pending yesterday Mr. Brooke charged Captain O'Brien weith having written a letter to Judge Cowing, advising him how to dispose of the motion for a charged and the motion for a charged and the same having him how to dispose of the motion for a charged Three of the new naphtha launches which are to

RUINED BY SPAIN'S PERSECUTION.

THE ONLY AMERICAN FIRM IN THE PHILIP-PINE ISLANDS FORCED OUT OF BUSINESS.

News has been received in this city that Warner,

Blodgett & Co., the only American firm in the

Philippine Islands, have been forced out of business

at Manila. The firm was one of the largest houses in the Asiatic trade, and the story of its abanment of business is a narrative of persecution on the part of the Spanish authorities which has seldom been surpassed in exasperating features. Mr. Blodgett was born in this city in 1857. Mr Warner, who by birth is an Englishman, has been identified with American Interests. C. I. Barnes. a British subject, was also a member of the firm house went into business under American registry in 1887. In 1895 the profits of the firm were nearly \$250,000. The first form of persecution began with a fine for short cargo, consignees of ships no having full cargoes being subject to a fine for atempting to defraud customs. One sheep short was the firm's offence this time. The sheep had died after the ship reached customs and was buried once. It was not there, however, when the officials arrived, and a fine of \$100 was imposed. Although the fine was ordered remitted by the Apback. Afterward came charges against the firm undervaluation of pork and other commodities that alleged consignments of American flour were mere covers for contraband Mexican collars, and avalanche of assaults of the kind. A fine of \$100 each on cobblestones short in a large cargo was make life a burden to the members of the firm was resorted to. Protests of Warner, Blodgett & Co., made to the Captain-General, Marquis de Pina Pinta, through the United States Consul, Isaac M. Elliot, were practically ignored. A translation of the protests, however, came back to the Custom House, and then the state of the firm was worse than before.

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The persecution became so bad that the English inthers finally demanded that the firm abandon is American registry and fly the British flag. Mr. lodgett endeavored to cable to the San Francisco reuts of the firm and to Senator White. Both essages were returned next day by the Governor in the plea that they tended to disturb the peace the islands. Mr. Blodgett sought finally to put tend to the matter on June 20 by proposing that e firm go out of existence, and his partners reed to this proposition.

Mr. Blodgett refused to be a silent partner in a firm under the British flag as his partners shed him to be.

Mr. Blodgett graduated at William and Mary

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Mr. Blodgett graduated at William and Mary
College in 1879, and two years later was a polariscopist and sugar analyst in Philadelphia.

INTO GREEN FIELDS AND WOODS.

EIGHT PARTIES OF CHILDREN OF THE POOR SENT OUT INTO FIVE STATES.

The results of the work of The Tribune Fresh Air Fund for yesterday are decidedly interesting. Eight parties were sent to the country, aggregating 350 children. Besides these, there was a day excursion up the Hudson. This is the summary of what was accomplished, and it is the record of a busy and notable day.

The children were sent in all directions. They scattered into five different States. New-York rewas one each for Massachuretts, New-Hampshire and Virginia. Long journeys were in store for many of the little folks, but they thought only of good times at the end. It was far away from sufferers went-far away into the sunny,

Early in the morning fifty-five children went to to the Utica party of July 30, having received in with them were 200 children for "Life's"

THE NOE MURDER RECALLED. FUNERAL OF THE WIDOW OF THE MAN KILLED

BY DOLAN. The funeral of Ann Louise Noe, the widow of died on Friday, in her seventy-ninth year. James H. Noe was murdered in his paint store, at No. 27 Greenwich-st., in August, 1875. His family had Hotel Cecil, which threw open its doors to the gone to the country, and he was sitting alone in public on May 4. From that date to the middle of gone to the country, and he was sitting alone in his store, when the assassin entered and dealt him a blov on the head with a club. John Dolan, the murderer, then stole several articles from Mr. Noo's pockets and some money from the till, and escaped Mr. Noe was found dead in the store the same evening. At first the erime was a mystery, but belan was caught with some of the stolen property in his possession, and he was convicted and hanged in the Tomba eight months later.

RENZINE EXPLODES IN A HARLEM HOUSE. A can of benzine exploded in a small drygoods store on the ground floor of No. 2.2% Eighth-ave.

at 11:00 o'clock yesterday morning, and caused a fire which for a time endangered several buildings Mrs. Z. C. Sullivan is the proprietress of the store paint and oil shop, kept by Gustave Boffinger, who above these live Olaf Jerkensen and Thomas Sands. While at work at making a dress, Mrs. Sullivan, stove and carelessly threw the match on the floor where lay a pile of paper and flannel rags wet with benzine, with which she had just been cleaning a piece of cloth. The rags and papers ignited at three-year-old child in her arms and, delaying a moment to gather her insurance and business a three-quart can of benzine stood on the floor near the blazing pile, and had she delayed a ment longer she would have met a frightful death. As, she stepped upon the sidewalk the can burst

get anything, and ran up Eighth-ave, crying "Fire"

Policemen Howe and Meehan, of the West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st, station, sent out an alarm and arrived at the scene just in time to stop Mrs. Sullivan from re-entering the building to get some papers which she had left. At the first cry of fire, the people in the upper stories ran down the statisways to the second floor and thence by the fire-escape ladders to the yard.

In spite of all that the firemen could do the two stores were completely wrecked. The flames burned the statisway in the lower hall and made their way up to the fourth floor through the hall and airshaft, wrecking the second and third floors and doing considerable damage to the fourth.

Mrs. Sullivan estimates the damage done to her furniture and stock at \$2,000, all of which is covered by insurance. Boffinger's loss is \$1,500, with no insurance. The damage to the building is estimated at \$2,000 more.

CAPTAIN O'BRIEN REBUKED.

After the Grand Jury had been empanelled in General Sessions, yesterday, Captain O'Brien, of the Detective Bureau, appeared to press the trial of James Robinson, who is accused of hav-ing stolen a diamond stud. Charles L. Brooke, son of Charles W. Brooke, asked that the hearing be postponed for a day or two, as he was not ready to try the case. His father, he said, had prepared the case, but he was unable to appear owing to

CONSENTS FOR THE CHURCH SITE.

PROPERTY-OWNERS IN WEST SEVENTY-SIXTH-ST. EXPECTED TO WITHDRAW RESTRIC-TIONS IN FAVOR OF THE CHURCH OF

THE DIVINE PATERNITY. The members of the Committee on Site of the Church of the Divine Paternity feel confident that they will secure the new site on which they have an option, at Seventy-sixth-st. and Central Park West. A. M. Slauson, the chairman of the committee, said ents of neighboring property-owners to the removal of the restriction to private dwelling use for the lot on which we wish to erect the parish house. property-owners in the street by a man who bought up cheap flathouses on them. One of these was the we now want. The owners around bought the man out at a good round price, and then agreed on

man out at a good round price, and then agreed on a restriction for houses in Seventy-sixth-st. in that block. Now all the property-owners there whom we have seen or heard from are anxious to have the church edifice built at the corner, since it will be a fine structure and will cost \$200,000. It will also prevent the esection of an apartment-house at the corner. There is no doubt that all the owners will give their consents. Some are out of town, and we can get at them only slowly. Within thirty days I expect we shall have the consents of all."

The property of the church, at Fifth-ave, and Forsy-fifth-st., was sold for \$25,000. With the payment of \$180,000 for the new slite, \$200,000 for the new church edifice and additional sums necessary for furnishing, etc., Mr. Slauson estimates that a surplus of more than \$200,000 will be left in the treasury. This will mean an income at least of \$8,000. "A good thing for a church to have," said Mr. Slauson.

HOWARD LOCKWOOD & CO. TO DISSOLVE.

DIFFERENCES AS TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BUSINESS LEAD TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER.

George Maslin was appointed by Justice Stover. in the Supreme Court yesterday, receiver of th m of Howard Lockwood & Co., and ex-Judge William G. Choate was appointed as referee to pass The appointments were made on the application of ex-Congressman John De Witt Warner, of Peckham, Warner & Strong, for William Pinkney Hamilton, the owner of a quarter interest in the firm, and were concurred in by William J. Curtis, of Sullivan & Cromwell, Mrs. Caroline Alers-Hankey, formerly Mrs. Howard Lockwood. Statements were made by both sides to the effect that the appointment of a receiver was merely a formal one, and that it was sary because a dissolution of partnership had been agreed on, and there had been no clause in th partnership agreement providing for a dissolution

Mr. Maslin is a director of the Southern Railroad Mr. Alers-Hankey, who ist the business representative of Mrs. Alers-Hankey, made the follow of dissensions regarding the management of the business. Negotiations had been pending for some the one-quarter interest of Mr. Hamilton, when the latter gave notice of an application for the ap-pointment of a receiver. Mrs. Alers-Hankey has jutesced in this, and the appointment of Mr. Maslin is satisfactory. A dissolution of partner

ship had been determined on, and, except through the purchase of one interest by the other, this was the only way out. The firm is solvent. The business will be continued as usual."

Mr. Hamilton's lawyers stated that the proceedings were practically on a joint application of the counsel for both parties, and added that the receiver had liberal authority to conduct the business, which would be carried on without break. Not long after the death of Howard Lockwood, in November, 1892. Mrs. Lockwood went abroad and travelled for two years. In England she met Mr. Alers-Hankey. They became engaged, he came to this city in the spring of 1895, and in April of that year they were married. Mr. Hamilton, who had been in charge of the business of the firm meanwhile, had been a partner for ten years, being formerly the advertising agent of the house. The present dissensions began after Mrs. Lockwood returned from Europe, and had reached an acute stage when the attempt was made to buy out Mr. Hamilton. The statement was made yesterday that the receivership may result in additional developments. All that Mr. Hamilton would say was this: "The firm is as solid as a rock."

Howard Lockwood & Co. published "The Paper Trade Journal," and several trade dictionaries.

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AMERICANS AT LONDON HOTELS.

The enormous business of the London hotels in season is shown by the receipts of the new July the receipts aggregated upward of 650,000, or about \$250,000. Among the American aror about \$25,000. Among the American arrivals at the hotel were Mr. and Mrs. Deming-Jarves, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Walter King, Mrs. A. M. Biake, Mrs. M. A. Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bates, Mrs. M. J. McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. de Young, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wormser, J. W. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Berle, Mrs. J. ocke, F. W. Dallinger, George Bliss, Percy R. ornure, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Mayer, Mr. and ernure, Mr. and Mrs.

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At the Savoy Hotel in London were ex-Judge Dittenhoefer and family, J. H. Hammond and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Gerrish, A. S. Shuman and family, J. R. Butter, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Everett, C. C. Worthington, E. H. Wickwire and family, C. C. Paulding, Miss Paulding, Chester Arthur, Eugene Higgins, T. S. Pinkus and family, J. S. Winston and family, W. A. Butler, Mrs. J. T. Linthicum, Mrs. C. B. Stockwell, Mrs. E. C. Harman, Mrs. H. C. Bostwick and C. F. Harmon.

AMERICAN CASUALTY LITIGATION.

W. W. Culver, attorney, filed in the United States Circuit Court yesterday an answer of William E. Midgley, formerly president of the American Cas ualty Insurance Company, in the suit brought nst him by the Boston and Maine Railroad. Midgley charges in his answer that the suit against him is brought for the purpose of further dissipating the funds of the Insurance Company, and that the action is not brought in good faith. Midgley also alleges that a large part of \$2,000,000 worth of property formerly belonging to the company, and consisting of good assets, has been uselessly expended and wasted, and that this action is brought for the purpose of further getting rid of the funds.

SEIZURE ON AN ITALIAN BARK.

The Collector of the Port and the Naval Officer esterday made an inquiry into the seizure on the Captain G. Maggiola, which arrived July 2. The amount of goods on the manifest was small, while the ship's stores were large. Special Treasury agents seized sixty cases of brandy and seventeen cases of olive oil. The Collector and Naval Officer upheld the scizure and ordered the good confiscated. The bark is also liable to a fine, which will be based on the value of the goods seized.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH ENJOINED.

Luke A. Lockwood, as guardian of Josephine E. Court yesterday, a temporary injunction restrain-ing the Board of Health from compelling the ten-ants of the premises at No. 55 James at to move, and also restraining the Board from moving the building pending the trial of an action for a perma-nent injunction.

NEW-YORK TELEPHONE COMPANY NOW. The stockholders of the Metropolitan Telephone Telegraph Company held a meeting yesterday and voted to dissolve that corporation. The bustness of the company has been turned over to the New-York Telephone Company. All contracts and accounts for settlement are assumed by the last-

FOUND WITH A BROKEN SKULL. Christopher Smith, a truck driver, thirty-eight

found unconscious Sunday night in front of his home. He was removed to Roosevelt Hospital, where it was found that his skull was fractured. Detectives Charlton and Linn, of the West Sixty-eighth-st, station, are investigating the case. It is their opinion that Smith was injured in a fight.

THEY DIED TOGETHER.

HOW MR. AND MRS. YOUMANS WERE DROWNED IN A LAKE IN NORWAY-ARRIVAL OF THEIR BODIES IN THIS CITY YESTERDAY.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Youmans, who were drowned in a lake in Norway on July 4, while they were travelling abroad, arrived here vesterday from Hull, England, on board the Wilson Line steamship Francisco. Mr. Youmans was the well-known hatter of this city. The bodies had been embaimed and were brought home in metallic The steamship also carried the baggage of the unfortunate couple. The steamship Eldorado carried the coffins from Norway to Hull. The two friends of the couple were at the pier in Brooklyn to receive the bodies, which were at once trans-West Fifty-ninth-st. The funeral services will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, at the Fifth-ave. The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Eaton will read separate services over each body, those of Mrs. Youmans following immediately after the last ministrations to her unfortunate husband.

Just what was the cause of the sad accident tha midst of a holiday tour is as yet not fully known The details received by the two surviving sons of the deceased couple have so far been of a most meagre character, and convey little further enlightenment than the brief reports that have appeared in print. Vincent M. Youmans informed a Tribune reporter last night that the carriage in which his parents were seated did not fall over a precipice or embankment into the lake as has been reported. The roadway was perfectly level to the edge of the lake, a fact which would seem to show that Mr. Youmans and his wife were in some way so fastened in the vehicle as to prevent their escaping before the horse backed into deep water. The scene of the occurrence was about three miles outside the town of Stalhein. Mr. and Mrs. Youmans were driving along the roadway skirting the lake, when they stopped to take a photograph of a peasant who was driving a pack horse. Then for some reason, for which no explanation has yet been received here, the horse attached to the carriage suddenly began to back toward the lake, and before assistance could be obtained the animal pushed the conveyance into the lake to a sufficient depth to entirely submerge its occupants.

SUICIDE TREE CUT DOWN.

THE OLD AILANTUS REMOVED FROM THE MUL-

The old ailantus tree which stood alone in the new Mulberry Bend Park was removed vesterday ing the ground. Its trunk was cut up into three pieces and carried into the liquor-store of C. Cava, at No. 4 Mulberry-st. Italians of the neighborhood have taken an interest in the tree, because it was used in several of their festivals. It has been called St. Nicholas tree by them, while other people in the street called it "suicide tree.

Henry Passman, who now lives at Elizabethport, N. J., is said to have planted the tree many years ago when he lived at No. 45 Mulberry-st. The tree

A STRANGE BOARD OF ESTIMATE.

EVERY MEMBER EXCEPT ONE A DEPUTY-NEW

For the first time in the memory of Secretary met yesterday every seat at the long table in the rank to the member except President Barker's were present Acting Mayor Jeroloman, who pre-Assistant and Acting Corporation Counsel Turner.

that once characterized the old house. The gloom ipon one when he entered the doors. The hotel was opened yesterday so that those who wished ould attend the auction sale of the wine cellars, which was ordered by the receiver. The auctioneer 10 o'clock people thronged the lobby of the hotel and found their way downstairs to the dimiy lighted wine cellar. This cellar was one of the most famous in the country. What was remaining vesterday is said to have cost the management

The listed catalogue of wines made eighteen pages, and some wines of rare vintages were on the list. The list consisted mainly of sherries, the list. The list consisted mainly of sherries, white wines, red winea. Hungarian, Burgundy, Rbine wines and champagnes. There was also a goodly stock of whiskeys, ales and liquors. As a rule low prices prevailed. The auctioner began by auctioning off twelve quarts of table sherry, which brought 25 cents a quart. Thirty-four quarts of East India sherry, twenty years old, brought of cents a quart. Five hundred and six quarts of Cérons sold for 15 cents a quart. In the little party of bidders many wine agents and the stewards of several large hotels that make a specialty of their wine cellars were noticed. When the contents of the wine cellar had been disposed of, the groceries were auctioned off. The sum realized for the latter was about \$5,000. The furniture of the house is yet to be disposed of.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST AN OLD MAN. About three weeks ago an old man engaged a John A. Cross, sixty-five years old, a retired sea-captain, who had accumulated moderate wealth, and lived with his wife in Chester, Orange County, N. Y. He told a pathetic story of the death of all the city was to find some young girl, who would be a daughter to him and his wife. In an advertisement he offered to give such a girl \$5,000 when she came of age, and to leave her all his property at his and his wife's death.

The hotel people say that he received many answers to his advertisement. He selected Edna Collins, thirteen years old, whose mother, with her ins, thirteen years old, whose mother, with her second husband, lived in East Fifteenth-st. One of the conditions made was that the legal adoption should not be made until both parties had had a month together to see how they liked each other. On Thursday morning the child's mother went to the house to visit her. She found the girl in the Captain's bed. Cross was sleeping in a chair in the same room. The mother complained to the Gerry Society, and Captain Cross was arrested charged with harboring the girl for immoral purposes. In Jefferson Market Court yesterday Magistrate Deuel held Cross in \$1,500 ball for examination at 2 o'clock to-day.

GEORGE C. TYLER'S DISAPPEARANCE. George C. Tyler, the young man who disappeared from Asbury Park Saturday evening, leaving several thousand dollars' worth of debts, incurred in giving an open-air production of "As You Like It." is not unknown among theatrical people of this city. Last season Tyler was the business manager of the Digby Bell Opera-Company, which came to financial grief before the end of the season. But before that he had been connected with the business ends of "Princess Bonnie," "The Little Tycoon" and other productions. None of his sequaintances in this city attribute Tyler's failure at Asbury Park to anything except poor judgment and lil luck. They say he mistook the public he had to deal with.

DR. PARK OUT OF DANGER. Dr. William H. Park, who is at the Presbyterian Hospital, suffering from typhoid fever, is entirely out of danger and his complete recovery is looked for at an early date. He contracted the disease while experimenting with the germs in the cause

NEW ELEVATED RAILROAD SCHEDULE. A new schedule for the running of trains went into effect on all the lines of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad yesterday. Three minutes' time on a trip is saved by faster running. The new sched-

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THIS YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REPORT TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO-DAY.

The Finance Committee of the Board of Alder men held a meeting yesterday, and decided to submit its report on the tax levy and the tax rate to the meeting of the Board to-day. Heretofore the tax rate has never been determined before August 23. Not in the last ten years has the tax rate been as high as this year. For several days Alderman Olcott and Assistan

Deputy Controller Edgar J. evey have been in conference, ascertaining the deficiency that is annually added to the actual expense of the city government. This deficiency, as it is termed, is more of the nature of an addition to provide against contingencies. The law sets the maximum amount thus to be added at 3 per cent of the total amount to be raised, as shown by the budget pre-pared last December. The tax rate will in all probwhen it meets to-day.

It is estimated by some officials that the rate will

exceed the 2.08 estimated by the Tax Department, and may reach 2.13 or 2.14.

The budget for this year shows that \$48,496,571 is needed, as against, in round numbers, \$38,000, last year. This year there is added for contin-gencies about 2 per cent, and of this total \$2,500,000 is subtracted and paid out of the "general fund," making a total of \$44.856,502. This total is the amount necessary to be raised by taxation; and while the figures are not official, they are compiled from interviews had yesterday.

When asked about the matter yesterday, Alderman Olcott said: "The law has heretofore never been complied with. Section \$33 of the Consolida-tion Act provides that on the first day of September the tax rolls shall have been confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, and they must on that day be placed in the Receiver of Taxes' hands. If the Board of Aldermen fall in this, Section 834 says they are guilty of a misdemeanor and are liable to they are guilty of a misdemeanor and are hable to punishment and fine. The delay has always been in writing up the Croton water arrearages. It has always been contended that from August 1 to September 1 is too little time for the clerks to enter up these arrearages, and it is my idea to have the rate fixed at as early a date as possible, retaining the books, however, in our possession and having the Croton water arrearages entered up here instead of in the Collector's office as heretofore.

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'The Finance Committee will meet to-morrow,
and I think we will fix the rate, at any event I
shall introduce a resolution at the meeting tomorrow looking to that end. We have not yet completed the matters before us, but I have no doubt
we will at to-morrow's meeting. This much is certain, the rate will be between 2.13 and 2.14. If my
resolution does not go through to-morrow an agreement will probably be reached whereby the rate
will finally be declared on August I!

Assistant Deputy Controller Levey, when asked
about the amount to be added for deficiencies, said:
"It will be about 2 per cent of the amount of the
budget, and will raise the amount necessary to be
raised by taxation to about \$45,000,000." This is
\$5,000,000 increase over 1855's figures.

HER FATHER WON'T HELP HER.

JAMES M. DRAKE SAYS HIS STAGE-STRUCK

"She has been trying to get engagements at our another of our theatres for the last five years," said he, "but without success. I have been urring her lately to make an effort to help hereif along in some way, and she has chosen to make another attempt in this line. But I cannot say that I approve her going on the stage, or that I have high opinion of her dimatic ability. If she does go on, she should begin at the bottom and worther way up, and I do not think she has the disjection to do this. She will have to earn her own way, as I do not intend to support her efforts of any purpose of display."

A BICYCLIST HURT BY A CAR.

Emile Hubert, twenty-five years old, of No. 211 East Fiftleth-st., was riding his bleycle down Third-ave at One-hundred-and-nineteenth-st. along-side of a cable-car at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when, in turning out of the way of an approaching wagon, he ran directly in front of a cable-car and fell across the track. The fender cable-car and fell across the track. The fender rolled him over and over several times before the car could be stopped. He was badly bruised and scratched about the face, his clothes were torn and his wheel was wrecked.

Joseph Solomon, the gripman of the car, was arrested and arraigned before Magistrate Mott at the Hariem Court later in the afternoon, when Hubert stated that the accident was unavoidable and that Solomon was not in any way to blame. The prisoner was thereupon discharged.

RESCUE OF BOYS IN THE BAY.

Six thoroughly frightened boys were rescued from water-logged rowboat by Captain "Dave" Roach, of the tug William E. Ferguson, in the Upper Bay on Sunday night. They had been skylarking in the boat near Fulton Market, and floated away from the pier without oars or rudder. The boat had drifted below Liberty Island and was half full of water when Captain Roach heard the cries of the boys and rescued them. The lads were Henry Fallock, of No. 24 Roosevelt-st.; Thomas Kelly, No. 26: Monroe-st.; Peter Mariey, No. 27 Cherry-st.; William O'Brien, No. 28 Cherry-st.; Joseph Ter-rell, No. 22 Chambers-st., and Joseph Patrolos, No. 25: Roosevelt-st.

MAYOR STRONG RETURNS TO-DAY.

Mayor Strong will return from his vacation this morning. He has been taking the baths at Richfield Springs, N. Y., during the last month, and in letter written to the Acting Mayor, John Jeroloman, he says he fells much improved. Jeroloman, he says he fells much improved. Chief Clerk Burrows returned from his vacation yesterday. He spent his four weeks in Columbia County. The Mayor's factorum. "Edde" Heatherton, was another arrival that gladdened Job Hedger's heart. "Eddie" spent his mouth of vacation at Coney Island, and he is primed with stories of the sights he saw there.

The Board of Estimate will meet again on August 7 to receive the departmental estimates for 1897.

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